GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA

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Radio-Pharmaceuticals
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government has taken cognizance of the reported delay on the part of Atomic Energy Regulatory Board in issuing no objection certificate to hospitals to import/receive radio-pharmaceuticals and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(b)whether the said delay has resulted in patients using the same radio-pharmaceuticals thus suffering a delay in availing medications and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c)whether the Government has constituted a Committee to provide radioactive source (cobalt-60) to cancer hospitals free of cost and if so, the details and the recommendations thereof along with the hospitals identified for the distribution of the said radioactive source; and

(d)whether the constitution of the said Committee has resulted in making radiotherapy facilities less expensive and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

(a)&(b) The No Objection Certificate for importing radioactive consignments including generators, is issued by Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB). There has been no delay in issuance of No Objection Certificate (NOCs) to hospitals for the import/procurement of radiopharmaceuticals.

(c)Department of Atomic Energy has constituted a Committee in January, 2007 called the Apex Committee for the development of programmes of Cancer Institutions in India (ACCII) which is headed by Director, Tata Memorial Centre (TMC) which recommends disbursement of grant-in aid to Hospitals for cancer treatment in India. The following Institutions / Hospitals were disbursed grant-in-aid as a reimbursement for the procurement of radioactive source (Cobalt-60) during the last 2 years:-

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Sl. No. Name of the institute

1. Dr. Shishir Gosavi, Executive Director, Shri Siddhivinayak Ganapati Cancer Hospital,Miraj
2. Anjan Gupta Saroj Gupta Cancer Centre and Res. Inst, Kolkata
3. Dr. S. Santhakumar, Govt. Rajaji Hospital, Madurai
4. Prof. T.K. lahiri, Principal, Medical College, Kolkata
5. Govt. Medical College Hospital, Aurangabad
6. Superintendent, Govt. General Hospital, Ernakulam
7. JIPMER, Puduchery
8. Tata Memorial Centre for Bathinda, Punjab

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Sl. No. Name of the institute

1. Banaras Hindu University, Banaras
2. Indian Red Cross Society, Cancer Hospital, Nellore
3. Christian Fellowship Community Health Centre, Ambilikkai, Tamil Nadu
4. Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh
5. Shri Sayaji General Hospital, Vadodara
6. Acharya Tulsi RCC, Bikaner
7. Tetiary Cancer Centre Arunachal State Hospital, Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh
8. Govt. Medical College, Patiala

(d)No studies have been conducted so far.

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